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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD AND THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD USED THEREIN

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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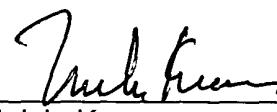
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby  
claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No. 2002-226805 filed in Japan  
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Respectfully submitted,

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